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FOR DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY KATZ, EB/ORD

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TAGS: EIND, ETRD, JA

SUBJ: VRA --JAPANESE REQUEST FOR WAIVER OF WEST COAST

ONE-THIRD LIMIT

1. TAD YAMADA GAVE ECONCOM/MIN COPY OF LETTER AND ENCLOSURES HE IS ENDING TO NELSON STITT TODAY, NOVEMBER 9. LETTER REQUESTS STITT REVIEW WITH KATZ POSSIBILITY OF WAIVING OR SUSPENDING ONE-THIRD LIMIT ON JAPANESE EXPORTS TO WEST COAST MARKET. LETTER STATES THAT, EVEN IF LIMIT WAIVED, JAPANESE SHIPMENTS TO WEST COAST WILL NOT GO BEYOND CURRENT LEVEL OF 36 TO 37 PERCENT.

2. IN SUPPORT OF REQUEST LETTER CITES SHORTAGES ON WEST COAST WHICH ARE DUE TO REDUCTIONS IN SHIPMENTS FROM U.S. EAST COAST STEELMAKERS AND TO LOW PRICE LEVEL, BUT WHICH ARE BEING BLAMED ON JAPANESE MAKERS. LETTER NOTES CONCERN IN JAPAN THAT WEST COAST USERS MAY TAKE LEGAL ACTION BLAMING JAPANESE CARTEL FOR CURRENT SHORTAGES. SUCH A MOVE WOULD STRENGTHEN SUIT ALREADY BROUGHTBY CONSUMERS UNION.

3. YAMADA ENCLOSES COPY OF LETTER SENT BY M.J. LAMPROS

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OF AMERICAN STEEL TO SENATOR HATFIELD, CONGRESSWOMAN

GREEN AND CONGRESSMAN WYATT. IN LETTER LAMPROS SAYS
STEEL SUPPLIES VERY TIGHT IN NORTHWEST, ASKS FOR IN-
CREASE IN JAPANESE SHIPMENTS, AND CALLS CURRENT POLICY
QUOTE MORE A REACTION TO PAST PROBLEMS THAN TO PRESENT
UNQUOTE. ALSO ENCLOSED ARE JAPANESE JANUARY-SEPTEMBER
EXPORT STATISTICS WHICH SHOW JAPAN WELL BELOW VRA LIMITS
IN ALL CAREGORIES EXCEPT TOOL STEEL. STATISTICS ARE
NOT BROKEN DOWN BY DESTINATION.
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